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That paſſed between the *King*, *Queen*, *Prince*, and *Princeſs* of *Wales*, on Occaſion of the Birth of the young *Princeſs*.

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The Prince *to the* Queen *at* Richmond, *by* *Lord* North.

Kew, July 5. 1737.

MADAM,

DR. *Hollings* and Mrs. *Cannon* have juſt told me, that there is no longer any Doubt of the Princeſs's being with Child. As ſoon as I had their Authority, I would not fail to acquaint your Majeſty therewith, and to beg you to inform the King of it at the ſame time. I am, with all poſſible Reſpect, Madam,

Your Majeſty's
Moſt Humble and
moſt Obedient
Son and Servant,
Frederick.

Kew, le 5 Juill. 1737.

MADAME,

LE Docteur Hollings *& Mrs.* Cannon *viennent de me dire, qu'il n'y a plus à doûter, de la groſſeſſe de la Princeſſe. D'abord que j'ai eu leur autorité, je n'ai pas volû manquer d'en faire part à Vôtre Majeſté, & de la ſupplier d'en informer le Roi en même tems. Je ſuis avec tout le reſpect poſſible,*

Madame,
de Vôtre Majeſté
le très humble &
très obeïſſant Fils
& ſerviteur,
Frederick.

Auguſt 1, 1737.

Lord *Harrington* and Sir *Robert Walpole* arriving at St. *James*'s ſoon after the Delivery of the Princeſs, his Royal Highneſs was pleaſed to ſend for them to his Bed-ſide about 5 o' Clock in the Morning: When, among other Things, he ſaid, he did not know whether the Princeſs was come before her Time, or not; that ſhe had felt great Pains the *Monday* before, which being apprehenſive might prove her Labour (of which Opinion Lady *Archibald Hamilton* and Mrs. *Payne* declared themſelves to be) he brought her from *Hampton-court* to *St. James*'s; but the Phyſicians were then of another Opinion, and the Pains ceaſing and going off, they returned to *Hampton-Court* again.

That on the *Friday* following, the Princeſs's Pains returning, the Prince carried her again to St. *James*'s, when the Phyſicians, Doctor *Hollings* and Doctor *Broxholme*, and Mrs. *Cannon*, were of Opinion it might prove her Labour, but thoſe Pains likewiſe going off, they returned again to *Hampton-Court* on *Saturday*: That he ſhould not have been at *Hampton-Court* on *Sunday*, but it being the Publick Day, he feared it might be liable to ſome Conſtructions; that the Princeſs growing ill again on *Sunday*, he brought her away immediately, that ſhe might be where proper Help and Aſſiſtance could be had.

N. B. The Prince of *Wales* had that Morning made Declarations to the ſame Effect, with ſome other Particulars, to the Queen and the two Princeſſes who were with her.

Meſ-

Meſſage from the King *at* Hampton-Court, *to the* Prince *at St.* James's, *by Lord* Eſſex.

Aug. 3. 1737.

THE King has commanded me to acquaint your Royal Highneſs,

That His Majeſty moſt heartily rejoices at the ſafe Delivery of the Princeſs; but that your carrying away her Royal Highneſs from *Hampton-Court* the then Reſidence of the King, the Queen and the Royal Family, under the Pains and certain Indication of immediate Labour, to the imminent Danger and Hazard both of the Princeſs and her Child, and after ſufficient Warnings for a Week before to have made the neceſſary Preparations for that happy Event, without acquainting his Majeſty or the Queen, with the Circumſtances the Princeſs was in, or giving them the leaſt notice of your Departure, is looked upon by the King to be ſuch a deliberate Indignity offer'd to himſelf and to the Queen, that he has commanded me to acquaint your Royal Highneſs, that he reſents it to the higheſt Degree.

From the Prince *at St.* James's, *to the* King *at* Hampton-Court, *by Lord* Jerſey, Auguſt *the* 3*d*, 1737.

SIR,

IT is with all the Mortification imaginable, that I ſee by the Meſſage my Lord *Eſſex* has brought me, that my coming to Town with the Princeſs has

SIRE,

C'*Eſt avec toute la Mortification poſſible, que je vois par le Meſſage, que my Lord* Eſſex *m'a porté, que ma venuë en Ville, avec la Princeſſe, a eu le Mal-*

has had the Misfortune to displease your Majesty. Permit me, Sir, to represent to you, that in the pressing Situation I was in on *Sunday*, without a Midwife or any Assistance, it was impossible for me to delay one Moment; otherwise I should not have failed to have come my self to acquaint your Majesty with it. Besides which, the greatest Expedition in the world could never have brought Mrs. *Cannon* inless than two or three Hours after the Birth of the Child. As the Princess had had the Cholick for some Days, Mrs. *Cannon*, Doctor *Hollings*, and Doctor *Broxholme*, who were often consulted, all assured me she was not yet so near her Time, of which Opinion these two Physicians still were on *Sunday* at Noon; but in Case she had pains different from the Cholick, that a Cordial

Malheur de deplaire à Vôtre Majesté. Permettez moi, Sire, de Vous representer, que dans le Cas pressant, ou je me trouvai Dimanche, *sans Sage-Femme ni aucune Assistance, il m'étoit impossible, de m'arrêter un Moment; sans cela je n'aurois jamais manqué de venir moi-même, en faire part à Vôtre Majesté; outre que la plus grande Expedition du monde n'auroit jamais pû amener Mrs.* Cannons, *que deux ou trois heures après la Naissance de l'Enfant. Comme la Princesse avoit eu la Colique, pendant quelques Jours, Mrs.* Cannons, *& les Docteurs* Hollings *&* Broxom *furent consultez plusieurs fois, qui m'assurent tous qu'Elle n'étoit pas si proche encore de son terme, ce que les deux Medecins étoient d'opinion encore le* Dimanche *à Midi; mais qu'en cas qu'Elle eût des peines dif-*

dial ſhould be given her, and that ſhe ſhould be brought to Town as ſoon as poſſible. This Advice I followed in every Point, and am very much concerned that a Caſe ſhould happen, in which my Tenderneſs for the Princeſs might ſeem one Moment to remove, what is otherwiſe firſt in my Thoughts, the Deſire of ſhewing my Devotion to Your Majeſty. Beſides this, if I may take the Liberty to ſay ſo, the Princeſs deſired me ſo earneſtly at that Time to carry her to *London*, where all Aſſiſtance was nearer at Hand, that I could not reſiſt it: For I could never have forgiven my ſelf, if in Conſequence of my Refuſal, any Accident had happened to her. I hope all this will move Your Majeſty, and that You will give me Leave to lay myſelf at Your Feet To-Morrow at Your *Levée*,

differentes de la Colique, on lui dût donner un Cordial, & l'amener en Ville, auſſi-tôt qu'on pourroit. J'ai ſuivi ceci en tout point, & ſuis très affligé, qu'il eſt arrivé un Cas, où ma Tendreſſe pour la Princeſſe, pouvoit paroître d'écarter un Moment, la premiere Penſée, que j'ai ſans cela toûjours, de montrer mon Dévouement envers Vôtre Majeſté. D'ailleurs, ſi j'oſe dire, la Princeſſe m'a le plus inſtamment deſiré dans ce Moment de l'amener à Londres, *où toute Aſſiſtance Lui étoit plus proche, que je n'y pûs réſiſter; car je n'aurois jamais pû me pardonner, ſi en conſequence de mon Refus, aucun Malheur Lui fût arrivé. J'eſpere que tout ceci toûchera Vôtre Majeſté, & qu'Elle me permettra de mettre à ſes Piez Demain à ſon Lever; ce que je n'aurois pas manqué de faire*

Levée, which I ſhould not have failed to have done laſt *Monday*, if the Queen had not ordered me to defer it till this Day. The only Thing that has hindred me to Day, is the Fear I have had, ſince I have ſeen my Lord *Eſſex*, of diſpleaſing Your Majeſty in Caſe I ſhould come into Your Preſence before I took the Liberty to explain to You, with all Submiſſion, the true and only Motive of the Step with which You ſeem offended. I am with the greateſt Reſpect imaginable,

Sir,

Your Majeſty's moſt humble and moſt obedient Son Servant and Subject,

Frederick.

faire Lundy paſſé, ſi la Reine ne m'avoit ordonné de ne le faire, que comme Aujourd'hui. La ſeule Choſe qui m'en a empêché, eſt la Peur que j'ai eu, depuis que j'ai vû my Lord Eſſex, *de déplaire à Vôtre Majeſté, en me preſentant devant Elle, avant d'avoir pris la Liberté de Lui expliquer avec toute Soûmiſſion, l'unique & veritable Motif, de la demarche, dont Elle ma parû offencée. Je ſuis avec tout le Reſpect imaginable,*

Sire,

De Vôtre Majeſté

le très humble

& très obeïſſant

Fils, Serviteur,

& Sujet,

Frederick.

From

From the Prince *at St.* James's *to the* Queen *at* Hampton-Court, *by Lord* Jerſey, Aug. 3. 1737.

MADAM,

YOU cannot imagine how much the Meſſage my Lord *Eſſex* brought me has afflicted me. I flatter'd myſelf that the reaſons I took the Liberty to give your Majeſty, when you had the Goodneſs to come and ſee the Princeſs, would have juſtify'd my Departure from *Hamptoncourt* to the King. I have taken the Liberty to recapitulate thoſe Reaſons in the Letter I have done myſelf the Honour to write to him upon that Subject, flattering my ſelf, your Majeſty will be ſo good to lend them your Aſſiſtance. I am with great Reſpect,

Madam,

Your moſt Humble and moſt Obedient Son and Servant,

Frederick.

MADAME,

VOUS ne ſauriez croire, comme le Meſſage que my Lord Eſſex *m'a aporté, m'a affligé. Je me flattois, que les raiſons, que je pris la Liberté de donner à Vôtre Majeſté, quand elle a eu la Bonté de venir voir la Princeſſe, auroit juſtifié mon Depart de* Hamptoncour *auprès du Roi. Je prens la Liberté de les recapituler dans ma Lettre, que je me ſuis donné l'honneur de Lui écrire ſur ce ſujet, me flattant que Vôtre Majeſté aura la Bonté de les apuier. Je ſuis avec beaucoup de Reſpect,*

Madam,

Vôtre très humble & très obeïſſant Fils & ſerviteur,

Frederick.

The Prince *to the* King, Auguſt 4. 1737. *by* *Lord* Carnarvon.

SIR,

WILL you permit me to lay at your Feet my Grief for the Refuſal I received laſt Night, to make my Court to you to Day; I cannot expreſs how much I ſuffer from being deprived of that Honour, and ſeeing my ſelf out of your Majeſty's Favour. If any thing could comfort me in that Misfortune, it would be the Innocence of my Intentions, which I beg your Majeſty to believe can never be to offend you. I do not take the Liberty to recapitulate the Reaſons which induced me to leave *Hampton-court* ſo ſuddenly; but I flatter my ſelf your Majeſty will more eaſily grant me that Pardon which I ask, when you reflect on the Condition in which I found my ſelf with

SIRE,

ME permettrez Vous de mettre ma douleur devant Vos piez, de refus que j'ai eu hier au ſoir, de vous faire ma Cour aujourd'hui. Je ne ſaurois exprimer combien je ſouffre d'être privé de cette honneur, & de me voir hors de bonnes graces de Vôtre Majeſté. Si quelque choſe pouvoit me conſoler dans mon malheur; c'eſt l'innocence de mes Intentions lequel je ſuplie Vôtre Majeſté de croire, ne peuvent jamais être de vous offenſer. Je ne prens pas la liberté de recapituler les Raiſons qui m'ont induits à quitter Hampton-cour *ſi ſubitement, mais je me flatte que vôtre Majeſté m'accordera plus facilement le Pardon, que je lui demande, quand Elle refléchira à l'etat, ou je me trouvai alors, avec*

with the poor Princeſs at a Time when it wa not fit for me to delay a Moment. I take the Liberty then moſt earneſtly to conjure your Majeſty to reſtore me to your Favour, and to permit me to make my Court to you to morrow at your *Levee*, till which Time I cannot be at Eaſe. I am with all the Reſpect imaginable, Sir,

Your Majeſty's
Moſt Humble and
Moſt Obedient
Son, Servant,
and Subject,
Frederick.

avec la pauvre Princeſſe, dans un tems, qui ne m'étoit pas permis, de m'arrêter un moment. J'oſe donc conjurer inſtamment vôtre Majeſté de me retablir dans Vos bonnes Graces, & de me permettre de Vous faire ma Cour demain à Vôtre Levé, juſqu'à quel tems je ne ſaurois être en Repos. Je ſuis avec tout le Reſpect imaginable, Sire,

De Vôtre Majeſté
les très humble &
très obeïſſant fils,
ſerviteur & ſujet,
Frederick.

St. James's, le 4 Août 1737.

Meſſage from the King ***at*** Hampton-Court, ***to the*** Prince ***at St.*** James's, ***by Lord*** Dunmore, **Aug. 20. 1737.**

IT being now near Three Weeks ſince the Princeſs was brought to Bed, His Majeſty hopes there can be no Inconvenience to the Princeſs, if *Monday* the 29*th* Inſtant be appointed for Baptizing the Princeſs his Grand-Daughter; and having determined, that His Majeſty, the Queen, and the Ducheſs Dowager of *Saxe-Gotha* ſhall be the Godfather and Godmothers, he will ſend His Lord Chamberlain to repre-

ſent Himſelf, and one of the Ladies of the Bed-Chamber to repreſent the Queen, and deſires the Princeſs will order one of the Ladies of her Bed-Chamber to ſtand for the Dutcheſs Dowager of *Saxe-Gotha*, and the King will ſend the Archbiſhop of *Canterbury* to attend and perform the Ceremony.

The Prince *to the* King, Auguſt 20. 1737. *by* *Lord* Carnarvon.

SIR,

THE Princeſs and I take the Liberty to thank Your Majeſty moſt humbly for the Honour you intend to do our Daughter in ſtanding Godfather to her; the Orders my Lord *Dunmore* has brought ſhall be punctually executed. I ſhould think my ſelf very happy if upon that Occaſion I might take the Liberty to come and throw my ſelf at your Feet. Nothing could prevent me but the Prohibition I have received from your Majeſty. To be deprived of your Favour is the Thing in the World

SIRE,

LA Princeſſe & moi prenons la liberté de remercier très humblement Vôtre Majeſté de l'honneur qu' Elle veut bien faire à nôtre Fille d'en être Parain. Les Ordres que my Lord Dunmore *m'a aporté ſur ce ſujet, ſeront executez point par point. Je me conterois bien heureux, ſi à cette occaſion J'oſois venir moïmême, me mettre a vos piez. Rien me m'en pourroit empêcher que la ſeule defenſe de Vôtre Majeſtè. D'être privé de Vos bonnes graces, eſt la choſe du monde plus affligeante pour moi, qui non ſeulement*

World the moſt mortifying to me, who not only reſpect you, but (if I may make uſe of that Expreſſion) moſt tenderly love you. Will you permit me once again humbly to beſeech you to pardon a Fault in which at leaſt the Intention had no Share, and to permit me again to make my Court to you at your *Levee*. I take the Liberty to conjure you to grant this Requeſt, as a Thing that will reſtore my Quiet. I am with all poſſible Submiſſion, Sir,

Your Majeſty's
moſt Humble and
moſt Obedient
Son, Subject,
and Servant,
Frederick.

ment vous reſpecte, mais ſi j'oſe me ſervir de ce terme, Vous aime très tendrement. Me permettrez Vous encore une fois de Vous ſuplier très humblement de me pardonner une Faute, dans laquelle du moins l'intention n'avoit pas de part, & de me permettre de Vous refaire ma Cour à Vôtre Levé. J'oſe Vous en conjurer inſtamment, comme d'une choſe qui me rendra le Repos. Je ſuis avec toute la ſoûmiſſion poſſible, Sire,

De Vôtre Majeſté
le très humble &
très obeïſſant
fils, ſubjet, &
ſerviteur,

Frederick.

From the Prince at St. James's, to the Queen *at* Hampton-Court, Auguſt 20. 1737. *by Lord* Carnarvon,

MADAM,

PERMIT me to thank you moſt hum-

MADAME,

Permettez moi de Vous remercier très

humbly for the Honour you think fit to do the Princeſs and me in being Godmother to our Daughter. I have taken the Liberty to return the King my Thanks in Writing. I have added likewiſe my Grief for the Situation I am in. I beſeech you once again, Madam, to aſſiſt me with your good Offices, which can never be employ'd for your Son in a more eſſential Point than in reſtoring him to his Father's Favour. I am with all poſſible Reſpect,

Madam,

Your Majeſty's

moſt Humble and

moſt Obedient

Son and Servant,

Frederick.

très humblement de l'honneur que vous voulez bien faire à la Princeſſe & à moi d'être Maraine de nôtre fille. J'ai pris la liberté d'en faire mes remercimens au Roi par ecrit. J'y ai ajouté mes douleurs, de la ſituation, où je me trouve. Je Vous ſuplie encore une fois Madam, de m'y aſſiſter de Vos bons Offices, qui ne peuvent jamais être emploïé dans un cas plus eſſentiel à Vôtre fils, qu'à le remettre dans les bonnes graces de ſon Pere. Je ſuis avec tout le reſpect poſſible,

Madame,

de Vôtre Majeſté

le très Humble &

très Obeïſſant Fils

& Serviteur,

Frederick.

From

From the Prince *at St.* James's *to the* King *at* Hampton-Court, *by Lord* North, *the* 30*th of* Auguſt 1737.

SIR,

IT is with all poſſible Reſpect that I take the Liberty to thank your Majeſty once more, for the Honour you have thought fit to do the Princeſs and me in being Godfather to our Daughter. I cannot let this Opportunity paſs, without repeating my Petition for that Pardon which I have ſo often ask'd. I ſhould be glad to find Words that could ſoften the paternal Heart of your Majeſty; if there were any that could ſtronger mark my Grief and my Reſpect, I aſſure your Majeſty I would make uſe of them. There remains then nothing more for me to ſay, but to conjure you once again to re-eſtabliſh me in your Favour;

SIRE,

C'EST avec tout le Reſpect poſſible que j'oſe remercier encore une fois Vôtre Majeſté de l'honneur qu'Elle a bien voulû faire à la Princeſſe & à moi d'être Parain de nôtre Fille. Je ne ſaurois laiſſer paſſer cette Occaſion ſans retirer ma Demande du Pardon, que je Lui ai demandé ſi ſouvent. Je ſouhaiterois trouver des Paroles qui pûſſent flêchir le Cœur Paternel de Vôtre Majeſté; s'il y en avoient qui pûſſent marquer d'Avantage ma Douleur, & mon Reſpect envers Vous. Je puis aſſûrer très humblement vôtre Majeſté que je m'en ſervirois. Il ne me reſte donc plus rien à dire, que de Vous conjurer encore une fois de me rétablir dans Vos bonnes Graces,

vour; and to aſſure you, that nothing in the World ſhall change the tender Reſpect I owe you, being with great Submiſſion,

Your Majeſty's moſt humble and moſt obedient Son, Subject, and Servant,

Frederick.

ces, & de Vous aſſurer que rien au Monde ne changera le tendre Reſpect que je Vous dois, étant avec beaucoup de Soûmiſſion,

De Vôtre Majeſté, le très humble & très obeïſſant Fils, Sujet, & Serviteur,

St. James's le 30 Août 1737.

Frederick.

From the Prince *at St.* James's, *to the* Queen *at* Hampton-Court, *by Lord* North, 30*th of* Auguſt, 1737.

MADAM,

I Think it my Duty to thank you once more moſt humbly for the Honour you have done the Princeſs and me in being Godmother to our Daughter. I am extreamly mortify'd, that the King's Prohibition hinders me from doing it by Word of Mouth; nothing elſe ſhould ſtop me. I flatter my ſelf that the Continuation of your good

MADAME,

JE crois être de mon devoir de Vous remercier encore une fois très humblement, de l'honneur que vous avez fait à la Princeſſe & à moi d'être Maraine de nôtre fille. Je ſuis très mortifié, que la defenſe du Roi m'empêche de le faire de bouche. Rien ne m'arrêteroit ſans cela. Je me flatte que la continuation de Vos bons Offices,

good Offices, join'd to the Letter I have done my ſelf the Honour to write to the King upon that Subject, will procure me that Permiſſion; and that I ſhall ſoon have the Satisfaction to appear before you again. I am with all imaginable Reſpect,

Madam,

Your moſt Humble and moſt Obedient Son and Servant,

Frederick.

Offices, joints à la Lettre que je me ſuis donné l'honneur d'écrire au Roi ſur ce ſujet, m'en procureront la permiſſion, & que j'aurai bientôt la ſatisfaction de reparoitre devant Vous. Je ſuis avec tout le reſpect imaginable,

Madame,

Vôtre très humble & très obeiſſant fils & ſerviteur,

Frederick.

Meſſage from the King *at* Hampton-Court, *to the* Prince *at St.* James's, *by the Duke of* Grafton, *Duke of* Richmond, *and Lord* Pembroke, Saturday Sept. 10, 1737.

GEORGE R.

THE Profeſſions you have lately made in your Letters, of your particular Regard to me, are ſo contradictory to all your Actions, that I cannot ſuffer my ſelf to be impoſed upon by them.

You know very well you did not give the leaſt Intimation to me or to the Queen, that the Princeſs was with Child or Breeding, until within leſs than a Month of the Birth of the young Princeſs: You removed the Princeſs twice in the Week immediately preceeding the Day of her Delivery, from the Place of my Reſidence, in Expectation, as you have voluntarily declared,

of her Labour; and both Times upon your Return, you induſtriouſly concealed from the knowledge of me, and the Queen, every Circumſtance relating to this important Affair: And you at laſt without giving any Notice to me, or to the Queen, precipitately hurried the Princeſs from *Hampton-Court* in a Condition not to be named. After having thus, in Execution of your own determin'd Meaſures, expoſed both the Princeſs and her Child, to the greateſt Perils, you now plead Surprize, and Tenderneſs for the Princeſs, as the only Motives that occaſioned theſe repeated Indignities offered to me and to the Queen your Mother.

This extravagant and undutiful Behaviour, in ſo eſſential a Point as the Birth of an Heir to my Crown, is ſuch an Evidence of your premeditated Defiance of me, and ſuch a Contempt of my Authority, and of the natural Right belonging to your Parents, as cannot be excuſed by the pretended Innocence of your Intentions nor palliated or diſguiſed by ſpecious Words only.

But the whole Tenour of your Conduct for a conſiderable Time has been ſo entirely void of all real Duty to me, that I have long had Reaſon to be highly offended with you.

And until you withdraw your Regard and Confidence from thoſe by whoſe Inſtigation and Advice you are directed and encouraged in your unwarrantable Behaviour to me and to the Queen, and until you return to your Duty, you ſhall not reſide in my Palace; which I will not ſuffer to be made the Reſort of them, who under the Appearance of an Attachment to you,

foment

foment the Diviſion which you have made in my Family, and thereby weaken the common Intereſt of the Whole.

In this Situation I will receive no Reply: But when your Actions manifeſt a juſt Senſe of your Duty and Submiſſion, *That* may induce me to pardon, what at preſent I moſt juſtly Reſent.

In the mean time, it is my Pleaſure that you leave *St. James's* with all your Family, when it can be done without Prejudice or Inconvenience to the Princeſs. I ſhall for the preſent leave to the Princeſs the Care of my Granddaughter, until a proper Time call upon me to conſider of her Education.

Sign'd G. R.

Lord Baltimore *to Lord* Grantham.

My Lord, *London, Sept.* 13. 1737.

I Have in my Hands a Letter from his Royal Highneſs to the Queen, which I am commanded to give or tranſmit to your Lordſhip; and as I am afraid it might be improper for me to wait on you at *Hampton-court*, I muſt beg you will be ſo good as to let me know how, and in what manner I may deliver, or ſend it to you. If I may preſume to judge of my Royal Maſter's Sentiments, he does not conceive himſelf precluded by the King's Meſſage from taking this, the only Means, of endeavouring, as far as he is able, to remove his Majeſty's Diſpleaſure. I am, Your Lordſhip's Very Humble Servant,

Baltimore

Lord Grantham *to Lord* Baltimore.

My Lord, *September* 15. 1737.

I Have laid your Lordſhip's Letter before the Queen, who has commanded me to return your Lordſhip the following Anſwer.

The Queen is very ſorry, that the Prince's Behaviour has given the King ſuch juſt Cauſe of Offence: But thinks herſelf reſtrained by the King's laſt Meſſage to the Prince, from receiving any Application from the Prince upon that Subject. I am, My Lord,

Your Lordſhip's, *&c.*

Grantham.

The Princeſs *from* Kew *to the* King *at* Hampton-Court. *Sent by Sir* William Irby *to Lord* Pembroke, *and by Lord* Pembroke *delivered to the* King, Sept. 15. 1737.

SIR,

IT is with all poſſible Reſpect that I take the Liberty to thank your Majeſty moſt humbly for the Honour you were pleaſed to do me in being Godfather to my Daughter. I ſhould not have fail'd to come my ſelf and pay my Duty to you at *Hampton-Court* to thank

SIRE,

C'*EST avec tout le reſpect poſſible que je prens la liberté de remercier très humblement Vôtre Majeſté de l'honneur qu'elle a bien voulu me faire d'être Parain de ma Fille. Je n'aurois pas manqué de venir moymême Vous rendre mes devoirs à* Hampton-Cour *pour vous en remercier*

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thank you by Word of Mouth, but as I have at preſent the Misfortune to be debarr'd that Honour, I hope your Majeſty will not be diſpleaſed that I take the Liberty of doing it in Writing. It is a great Aggravation of my Sorrows upon this occaſion, to find, that by the Prince's Tenderneſs for me, I am the innocent Cauſe of his Diſgrace; and I flatter my ſelf if I had leave to throw my ſelf at your Majeſt'ys Feet, I could have explained the Prince's Conduct in a Manner that would have ſoftened your Majeſty's Reſentment. How much am I to be pity'd, Sir, that an Incident ſo grateful to me, and at the ſame time ſo agreeable to the Publick, ſhould unfortunately become the unhappy Cauſe of a Diviſion in the Family! I ſhall trouble your Majeſty no

debouthe, mais comme j'ai le malheur d'être privée de cet honneur à preſent, J'eſpere que Vôtre Majeſté ne trouvera pas mauvais que je prenne la liberté de le faire par ecrit. Ma Douleur eſt d'autant plus grande, que par la Tendreſſe du Prince je me trouve la Cauſe innocente de ſa Diſgrace; & je me flatte que ſi j'avois eu la permiſſion de me mettre aux pieds de Vôtre Majeſté, j'aurois pu expliquer la Demarche du Prince d'une maniere à adoucir le reſſentiment de vôtre Majeſté. Que je ſuis à plaindre, Sire, quand une circonſtance ſi flatteuſe pour moy, & en même tems ſi agreable au publique, eſt malheureuſement devenue le triſte ſujet d'une Diviſion dans la Famille. Je n'importunerai pas d'avantage vôtre majeſté que pour vous aſſurer que, comme je vous dois

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no farther than to aſſure you, that as it is to you I owe all my Happineſs, ſo to you, I flatter my ſelf, I ſhall likewiſe ſoon owe the Quiet of my Life. I am with all the Reſpect imaginable, Sir,

Your Majeſty's
Moſt Humble and
moſt Obedient
Daughter,
Subject, and
Servant,
Auguſta.

tout mon Bonheur, je me flatte que je vous devrai auſſi bientôt le Repos de ma vie. Je ſuis avec tout le reſpect imaginable,

Sire,

De Vôtre Majeſté
le très humble &
très obeïſſante
fille, ſujette,
& ſervante,
Auguſte.

A Letter ſaid to be wanting here, but not printed in any Edition.

From the King *at* Hampton-Court *to the* Princeſs *at* Kew, September 18. 1737. *Sent by Lord* Pembroke *to Sir* William Irby *for the* Princeſs.

I Am ſorry, Madam, that anything ſhould happen to give you the leaſt uneaſineſs. It is a Misfortune to you, but not owing to me, that you are involved in the Conſequences of your Husband's inexcuſable Conduct: I pity you, to ſee you firſt expoſed to the utmoſt Danger, in the Execution of his Deſigns, and then made the Plea for a Series of repeated Indignities offered to me. I wiſh ſome Inſinuations in your Letter had been omitted, which however

JE ſuis faché, Madame, qu'il ſoit arrive aucune choſe à vous donner la moindre Inquietude. C'eſt un malheur pour Vous, mais qui ne vient pas de moy, que vous etes impliquée dans les Conſequence de la Conduite inexcuſable de vôtre Mari. Je vous plains d'avoir été premierement expoſée au plus grand danger, en execution de ſes Deſſeins, & puis d'avoir ſervi de pretexte pour une ſuite d' Indignités reiterées qui m'ont été faites.

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ever I do not impute to you, as I am coned it is not from you they proceed.

G. R.

Je ſouhaiterois que quelques Inſinuations dans vôtre Lettre euſſent été omiſes, leſquelles cependant Je ne vous impute pas, etant convaincû qu'elles ne viennent pas de vous.

G. R.

From the Princeſs *at* Kew *to the* Queen *at* Hampton-Court, Sep. 17. 1737.

MADAM,

I Take the Liberty moſt humbly to thank Your Majeſty for the Honour you did me in coming twice to ſee me, and alſo for having been pleaſed to be Godmother to my daughter. I am extreamly mortify'd that I could not do it in Perſon, as I certainly ſhould have done, if the King's Orders had not put it out of my Power. I am extreamly concern'd at the Manner in which the Conduct of the Prince has been repreſented to your Majeſties,

MADAME,

JE prens la liberté de remercier très humblement vôtre Majeſté de l'honneur qu'Elle m'a fait deux fois de me venir voir, & auſſi d'avoir bien voulu être Maraine de ma fille: Je ſuis très mortifiée de ne pouvoir le faire en perſonne, comme j'aurois certainement fait, ſi par les ordres du Roy il ne me eût été defendû. Je ſuis très affligée de la maniere dont la conduite du Prince a été repreſentez à Vos Majeſtez, & ſur tout dans l'Article de deux Voi-

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ſties, and eſpecially in the Article relating to our two Journeys from *Hampton-court* to *London* the Week before I was brought to Bed. I can venture to aſſure your Majeſty, that the Phyſicians and the Midwife were then of Opinion, that I ſhould not lie in before the Month of *September*, and that the Pain I complained of was only the Cholick; and indeed, Madam, is it credible, that if I had gone twice to *London* with the Deſign and Expectation of being brought to Bed, I ſhould have returned to *Hampton-Court*? I flatter my ſelf, that Time and your Majeſty's good Offices will procure a happy change to the preſent Situation of Affairs, which muſt affect me ſo much more ſenſibly, as I look upon my ſelf to be the innocent cauſe of it. I

ages que nous fimes de Hampton-Cour *à* Londres *la ſemaine avant mes Couches. J'oſe aſſûrer Vôtre Majeſté, que le Medicins & la Sage-Femme furent alors de l'opinion, que je n'accoucherois pas avant le mois de* Septembre, *& que le Mal dont je me plaignois étoit ſeulement la Colique; & en effêt, Madame, eſt-il croiable que ſi j'étois allée deux fois à* Londres, *dans le deſſein & l'attente d'accoucher, je ſerois retournée à* Hampton-Court? *Je me flatte, que les tems & les bons Offices de Vôtre Majeſté, apporteront un heureux changement à une ſituation d'Affaires d'autant plus douleureuſe pour moi, que j'en ſuis la cauſe innocente. Je ſuis avec tout le reſpect imaginable,*

am with all imaginable Reſpect,

Madam,

Your moſt humble and moſt obedient Daughter and Servant,

Auguſta.

Madame,

Vôtre très humble, & très obeïſſante Fille & Servante,

Auguſte.

Kew le 17, Sept. 1737.

From the Queen *at* Hampton-Court, *to the* Princeſs *at* Kew, *Sept.* 20, 1737.

I Am very glad, my Dear Princeſs, to hear you are perfectly recovered of your Lying-in; you may aſſure your ſelf, as you have never offended either the King or me, I ſhall never fail to give you every Mark of my Regard and Affection. I think it would be unbecoming either of us to enter into a Diſcuſſion of the unhappy Diviſion between the King and my Son; and when you are truly informed of the ſeveral Declarations that have been made relating to your Journeys from *Hampton-Court*, by whom, and to whom, they

JE ſuis ravie, ma chere Princeſſe de vous ſçavoir parfaïtement remiſe après vos Couches. Vous pouvez être aſſurée, comme vous n'avez jamais offenſée ny le Roy ny moy, Je ne manqueray jamais de vous donner des Marques de mon Egard & de mon Affection. Je crois qu'il nous ſeroit malſeant à toutes les deux, que j'entraſſe en diſcuſſion avec vous ſur le malheureux Differents enter le Roy & mon Fils. Quand vous ſerez informée au juſte, des differentes declarations qui ont étés faites au ſujet de vos Voyages at Hampton-Court, *&*

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they were made, you will be convinced, that the Conduct of your Husband has no way been misrepresented.

I hope Time and due consideration will bring my Son to a just Sense of his Duty to his Father; which will be the only Means of procuring that happy Change, which you cannot more sincerely wish than I do.

Caroline.

par qui, & à qui, vous serez convaincue que la conduite de vôtre Mari n'a été nullement mise dans un faux jour. J'espere que le tems & une meure Consideration porteront mon Fils à des justes sentiments de son devoir envers son Pere. C'est la seul moyen de procurer cet heureux changement, lequel vous ne sauriez souhaiter plus sincerement que jele fais.

Caroline.

Message from the late King *to the Prince of* Wales, *with the Answers.*

THE Vice-Chamberlain is order'd to go to my Son, and to tell him from me, that he and his Domesticks must leave my House. He is likewise commanded to go to the Princess, to tell her from me, That notwithstanding the Order sent to my Son, she may remain at *St. James*'s, until her Health will suffer her to follow her Husband. You are moreover commanded to tell the Princess from me, That it is my Pleasure, that my Grandson and Grand-daughters remain at *St. James's*, where they are, and that the Princess is permitted to come to see them, when she has a Mind; and that the Children are permitted from Time to Time to go and see her

and my Son. The Vice-Chamberlain muſt further tell the Princeſs, that, in the preſent Situation of my Family, I think, that whilſt ſhe ſtays at *St. James's*, ſhe would do well to ſee no Company.

SIR,

HIS Majeſty having been informed, that many Reports are ſpread, for the moſt part ill grounded, relating to what has paſſed in the Royal Family, has ordered me to ſend you the incloſed Account thereof. I am with a great deal of Reſpect, *SIR*,

Your moſt Obedient
and moſt Humble Servant,
JO. ADDISON.

London, Dec. 3. 1717.

AS ſoon as the young Prince was born, the King informed himſelf what was the Cuſtom in the like Caſe, in the Kingdom, with regard to the Ceremony of Baptiſm and having found by the Regiſters, that when it was a Boy, and that the King was Godfather, it was uſual for him to name for ſecond Godfather, one of the chief Lords of the Court, and oftenеſt the Lord Chamberlain; he named for that Office the Duke of *Newcaſtle*, who is poſſeſt of that Employment, at the ſame time naming the Godmother, the Ducheſs of *St. Albans*, Groom of the Stole to the Princeſs: Nevertheleſs, his Royal Highneſs the Prince of *Wales* was ſo chagrin'd at it, that *Thurſday* laſt, after the Solemnity of the Baptiſm was over, being no longer able to maſter his Reſent-

Reſentments, came up to the Duke of *Newcaſtle*, and gave him very injurious Language, ſuppoſing that he had made Intereſt for that Honour, contrary to his Highneſs's Inclinations. The King was then in the Chamber, but not near enough to hear what the Prince ſaid to the Duke; the latter thinking himſelf obliged to inform the King of it, and the Prince having owned the Facts to the Dukes of *Kingſton*, *Kent*, and *Roxborough*, whom his Majeſty ſent that Morning on that Occaſion, his Majeſty order'd him a ſecond Meſſage, not to go out of his Apartment till further Orders. On *Saturday*, the Prince writ a Letter to the King, and on *Sunday* Morning writ another; but his Majeſty not having found them ſatisfactory, and having beſides many Reaſons to be diſcontented with the Prince's Conduct in ſeveral other Particulars, ſignified to him yeſterday Afternoon, by his Vice-Chamberlain, Mr. *Cook*, that he muſt go out of the Palace of *St. James*, and to Madam the Princeſs, that ſhe might ſtay as long as ſhe thought proper: But as to the Princeſſes his Granddaughters, and the young Prince, it was the King's Will, that they ſhould ſtay near him in the Palace, and that the Princeſs ſhould be permitted to ſee them as often as ſhe deſired. Nevertheleſs, the Princeſs being unwilling to quit the Prince her Husband, retired with him to the Lord *Grantham*'s, her Great Chamberlain, in whoſe Houſe their Royal Highneſſes lay laſt Night.

SIR,

SIR,

I Received with all Submiſſion your Majeſty's Commands, confining me to my own Apartment till your Majeſty ſhould ſignify your further Pleaſure to me. So great a Mark of your Majeſty's Diſpleaſure ſurprized me extremely, never having entertain'd a Thought of your Majeſty unbecoming a dutiful Son. I was made to believe your Majeſty appeared eaſy in the Choice I had made of the Duke of *York* to be Godfather to my Son; and that the Duke of *Newcaſtle* might repreſent him, and not be Godfather himſelf. Being perſuaded of this, I could not but look upon it, as an unaccountable Hardſhip, that he would be Godfather in ſpite of me: But when your Majeſty thought proper to command it, I ſubmitted. This Treatment of the Duke of *Newcaſtle* touch'd me ſenſibly, and ſo far raiſed my Indignation, that, at the Sight of him, upon this Occaſion, I could not help ſhewing it. But as the Reſpect I have always had for your Majeſty, hindered me from expreſſing my Reſentments againſt him, whilſt he was charged with your Majeſty's Orders, I hope your Majeſty will have the Goodneſs not to look upon what I ſaid to the Duke privately, as Want of Reſpect to your Majeſty, which was contrary to my Intentions. I ask your Pardon, and beg your Majeſty would be perſuaded, that I am with the greateſt Reſpect, *&c.*

SIR,

SIR,

I Hope your Majeſty will have the Goodneſs to excuſe me, if in the Condition I was in yeſterday, when I took the Liberty to write to your Majeſty, I omitted to mention, that I will ſhew no Reſentment to the Duke of *Newcaſtle* upon what has paſt; and I take the Opportunity to aſſure your Majeſty of it, being with profound Reſpect, *SIR*, &c.

SIR,

I Have juſt now obeyed your Majeſty's Orders, having left *St. James*'s. The Princeſs goes along with me, and our Servants ſhall follow with all imaginable Expedition.

A CHARACTER of Her Highneſs the Princeſs * * * attempted by an † Eminent Phyſician, who has attended Her from Her Birth.

I AM ſenſible how difficult it is really to be impartial, and how much more difficult it is to ſeem ſo, in drawing the Characters of Perſons of the higheſt Rank and Birth. The Praiſe or Blame which they may juſtly deſerve, are ſeverally aſcribed to the intereſted Views, or the private Reſentment of the Author. I ſhould therefore not have attempted the Character of this Moſt Excellent Princeſs, could there have been the leaſt room for Suſpicions of that Nature. But I call God to

† Dr. *R*——— *H*———

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Witneſs, That having no Obligation or Diſobligation whatſoever, I ſhall ſpeak the Truth in the Sincerity of my Heart. And I likewiſe call upon her, and every one of thoſe who have the Honour to know her as well as I do, to contradict me, if they can, in any one Inſtance. I have obſerv'd her with Attention, from almoſt the Hour of her Birth, and have carefully trac'd the progreſſive Steps of Nature. I have ſeen her moſt unguarded Moments, and have ſeriouſly and critically conſider'd whatever *fell from her*: So that I may without Vanity aſſert, that no body is better qualify'd to tell the Truth than my ſelf, tho' others might be much more capable of adorning it.

I ſhall ſay nothing of the Beauty of this incomparable Princeſs. It is her Mind, and not her Perſon, that I intend to delineate. Neither ſhall I dwell upon her high Birth and Station, any longer than to obſerve, that ſhe ſeems to be the *only* Perſon *ignorant* of that Superiority. She has never been heard to give the moſt remote Hints of it; much leſs has ſhe been obſerv'd to aſſume even that Dignity of State, which others much inferior to her in Birth are *ſo fooliſhly fond of.*

It would be ſaying but little in Praiſe of this excellent Lady, to obſerve, ſhe had very early acquired many Friends: For who in that high Station has not? Where the Power of obliging and doing good is ſo extenſive, it muſt be the weakeſt Head, as well as the worſt Heart, that does not exert it, and make many Friends happy. But what is much more rare in her high Station, ſhe has not *one Enemy.*

Equally

Equally humane to all who approach her, ſhe neither *ſtoops* to *Meanneſſes*, nor *delights* to *inſult*, in proportion as ſhe imagines the Perſon may be *uſeful* or *uſeleſs*. For, having nothing to *ask*, *fear*, or *conceal*, ſhe behaves herſelf with *Unconcern* to all.

She was never known to *tell a Lye*, or *diſguiſe a Truth*. *Uncorrupted* Nature appears in every Motion, and honeſtly declares her preſent Sentiments. Her *Smiles* are the immediate Reſult of a *contented* and *innocent Heart*; they are never proſtituted to diſguiſe *inward Rancour* and *Malice*, nor inſidiouſly diſplay'd to betray the unwary into a *fatal Confidence*.

The Tears ſhe ſometimes ſheds are not leſs ſincere. They *flow* only from *juſtifiable Cauſes*, and not from *diſappointed Avarice*, *Ambition*, or *Revenge*. And moreover, ſhe never *cries for Joy*.

She is a rare Inſtance of *Liberality* and *OEconomy*. For, tho' her Income is but *ſmall*, ſhe retains *no more* of it than what is abſolutely for *her Subſiſtence*, and *privately* and *properly* diſpoſes of the reſt: Free from the *Oſtentation* of *little ſordid Minds*, who by *Profuſion in Trifles*, hope to conceal the *inſatiable Avarice* and *Corruption* of their Hearts.

Tho' born and bred in a Court, ſhe never engages in the Intrigues and Whiſpers of it, nor concerns her ſelf in publick Matters. Far from retailing or inventing Lies, promoting Scandal and Defamation, and encouraging *Breach of Faith* and *Violation* of *Friendſhip*, one would think by her Behaviour, that ſhe never heard of ſuch things.

Her Silence (conſidering her Sex) is not the leaſt admirable of her Qualifications. She never ſpeaks, when ſhe has nothing to ſay, nor *Graciouſly* tires her Company with *frivolous*, *improper* and *unneceſſary* Tattle.

She is entirely free from another too general Weakneſs of her Sex, *Attention to Dreſs*. And it is obſerved, if ſhe is ever out of Humour, it is in thoſe Moments in which ſhe is obliged to *conform to Cuſtom* in that Particular.

Having thus finiſhed my imperfect Sketch of this incomparable Character, I ſhall only add, for the Information of the Curious, That this moſt inimitable Princeſs was given us on the 31ſt of *July*, the 1737th Year of our Redemption.

* *Name* indeed ſhe has none. But had ever ſuch a Princeſs a *Name?* Or, can any Man *name* ſuch a Princeſs?

* This was written before the P—— was baptized.

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